



Community Emergency Response Team Program Overview

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Citizen Corps Council – What is it?

- Introduced in January, 2002
- Strategy: Public Education / Training / Volunteer Opportunities
- Disciplines: Fire Safety / Law Enforcement-Crime Prevention / Public Health / Emergency Medical Services / First Aid / Alert-Warnings / All Hazard Prevention & Preparedness / All Hazard Response



Citizen Corps Council – What is it?

- Federal dollars allocated to the program, which supported programs including CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams).
- In Illinois, no dollars currently available for locals.
- So why have a Citizen Corps Council?



Citizen Corps Council – Why?

- Ad Hoc Committee to the Village/City Council
- Ensures continuity of all programs in the community restating the strategy of the program (public education, training, and volunteer opportunities)
- Provides an organized way to manage all of your organizations.



Citizen Corps Council – Funding

- There are currently no state dollars available.
- Having one Ad Hoc group, bigger dollars can be solicited on behalf of all of the groups.
- Ensures continuity of not duplicating services or duplicating the purchase of an item.
- Where to go for dollars???



Citizen Corps Council – Funding

- Lions, Rotary Clubs, Chambers of Commerce within the community.
- Industry, pipelines, large insurance companies.
- Some industries have foundations for their employees. If one of your volunteers work full time at a company the company donates money.
- Target – Walmart – Home Depot – Meir , as well as other big box stores offer grants (dollars or equipment).
- Don't forget your smaller stores i.e.: Dunkin Donuts



How to form a Citizen Corps Council

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Illinois Emergency Management Agency

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Citizen Corps - Illinois

ILLINOIS citizen corps

The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

Citizen Corps asks you to embrace the personal responsibility to be prepared; to get training in first aid and emergency skills; and to volunteer to support local emergency responders, disaster relief, and community safety. Everyone can do something to help make our families and our communities safer through:

- Personal responsibility:** Developing a household preparedness plan and disaster supplies kits, observing home health and safety practices, implementing disaster mitigation measures, and participating in crime prevention and reporting.
- Trainings:** Taking classes in emergency preparedness, response capabilities, first aid, CPR, fire suppression, and search and rescue procedures.
- Volunteer services:** Engaging individuals in volunteer activities that support first responders, disaster relief groups, and community safety organizations. Everyone can do something to support local law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, community public health efforts, and the four stages of emergency management: prevention, mitigation, response and recovery efforts.

2015 Prairie State Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Challenge

Challenge Documents

- PSOC FAQs
- PSOC Team Registration Form (one)
- PSOC Participant Waiver Form (for each team member)
- IEMA Cash Form (for each team member)
- College of DuPage - Waiver Form (for each team member)
- College of DuPage Registration Form (for each team member)

CONTACT INFORMATION

IEMA Main Office (217) 782-2700
24-Hour Response (TDD) 782-7880
TTY 888-614-2381

2200 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62703

USEFUL LINKS

- PSOC Requests
- PSOC Incident Reports
- Illinois Terrorism Task Force
- Ready Illinois
- Radio
- BERC/LEPC/TIER II Reporting
- WebEOC
- Website Help

IEMA Most Requested

- Accreditation & Licensing
- Training & Exercises
- Local EMA Resources
- Nuclear & Radiation Safety
- Technology Accreditation

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<https://www.illinois.gov/iema/LocalEMA/CitizenCorps/Pages/default.aspx>

- Letter of Support
- Resolution
- Council By-Laws
- Standard Operating Procedures

Submit to:

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Illinois Citizen Corps Council

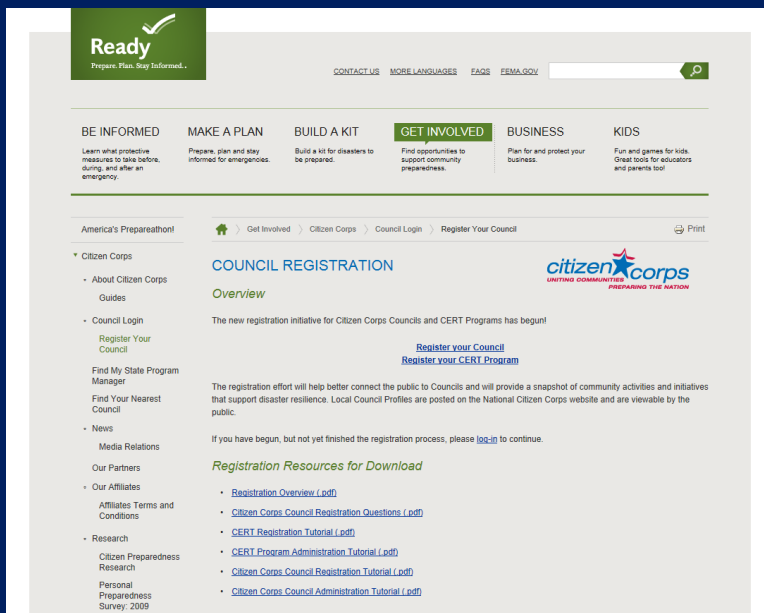
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Springfield, IL 60703

Or email: citizen.corps@illinois.gov



How to form a Citizen Corps Council



Once you receive approval from the Illinois Citizen Corps Council, visit:
<http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corpscouncil-login/council-registration>

Complete the registration process, which is a little bit more detailed than applying to the State.

Again, most of the questions asked are good information for you to keep track of for future grant applications.